

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A device comprising:

a cantilevered head assembly ~~including a cantilevered body and head~~ comprising a transducer; and

a flow control device to provide blowing or suction ~~from a blower assembly or vacuum assembly proximate to~~ a selected one of an upstream leading edge or a downstream trailing edge of the cantilevered head assembly.

2. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the ~~cantilevered head assembly includes a leading edge and a~~ the trailing edge forming form an upstream region proximate to the leading edge and a downstream region proximate to the trailing edge and the flow control device ~~includes~~ comprises a nozzle coupleable to a pressure source or blower to supply pressure proximate to the downstream region of the cantilevered head assembly.

3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 ~~including~~ further comprising a plurality of cantilevered head assemblies coupled to an actuator having a head stack height, and wherein and the flow control device ~~includes~~ comprises a nozzle having an elongated outlet having a dimension substantially corresponding to the head stack height.

4. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the flow control device comprises 2 and including a vacuum assembly to provide the suction proximate to ~~the an~~ upstream region of the cantilevered head assembly adjacent the upstream leading edge.

5. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the ~~cantilevered head assembly~~ includes a leading edge and a the trailing edge forming form an upstream region proximate to the leading edge and a downstream region proximate to the trailing edge and the flow control device ~~includes~~ comprises the a vacuum assembly proximate to the upstream region of the cantilevered head assembly.

6. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein ~~the head of the cantilevered head assembly includes~~ transducer comprises one of a servo head, a write head, a read head or a read/writer head.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1 and further comprising:

a flow sensor coupled to a controller operably coupled to the flow control device to provide flow feedback to control operation of the flow control device.

Claims 8-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Currently amended) ~~A servo writer~~ An apparatus comprising:

a cantilevered head assembly including comprising a servo head transducer
configured to write a servo pattern or information on a disc or discs
supported on a spindle hub transduce data with a storage medium; and
a flow control device to provide pressure or suction to a selected one of an upstream
leading edge or a downstream trailing edge of the cantilevered assembly
proximate to a flow field of the disc or discs.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~servo writer~~ apparatus of claim 10 wherein the flow control device ~~includes~~ comprises a blower nozzle coupleable to a pressure source or blower to supply pressure.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~servo writer~~ apparatus of claim ~~10~~ 11 and further including wherein the flow control device comprises a vacuum assembly to provide said suction ~~a vacuum proximate to the flow field.~~

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) The ~~servo writer~~ apparatus of claim 10 wherein the medium is characterized as a storage disc supported by a spindle hub is coupled to a spindle block to removably support a plurality of discs in a vertical position relative to a base or platform of the servo writer apparatus and the servo writer apparatus includes a plurality of cantilevered head assemblies to record servo information or patterns on the plurality of discs.

15. (Currently amended) The ~~servo writer~~ apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a fluidic 11 wherein the servo writer apparatus includes an air dam downstream of the cantilevered head assembly and an air a fluidic stripper upstream of the cantilevered head assembly and the flow control device comprises a blower nozzle is positioned relative to a gap between the air dam and the air stripper.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~servo writer~~ apparatus of claim 10 further 11 and comprising a shroud proximate to a downstream region of the cantilevered head assembly, and wherein the flow control device comprises a and the blower nozzle is orientated to provide pressure through at least one passageway of the shroud.

17. (Currently amended) The ~~servo writer~~ apparatus of claim 10 wherein the apparatus is characterized as a servo writer configured to write servo data to the storage medium wherein the spindle hub is coupled to a spindle block and the cantilevered head assembly is coupled to a servo block and the spindle block and the servo block are operable between a retracted position to load and unload disc or discs and a merged position to encode servo information.

18. (Currently amended) The ~~servo writer~~ apparatus of claim 10 ~~and~~ further comprising a flow sensor to provide flow feedback for the flow control device.

19. (Currently amended) The ~~serve writer~~ apparatus of claim ~~10~~ 13 wherein the ~~vacuum assembly~~ flow control device provides said suction through a passage in an air stripper.

20. (Currently amended) A method comprising steps of:

~~rotating a disc or data storage media to provide~~ establishing a fluidic flow path
across a cantilevered head assembly from an upstream leading edge to a
downstream trailing edge thereof; and

supplying at least a selected one of blowing pressure ~~from a blower assembly or~~
suction pressure or vacuum pressure ~~from a vacuum assembly proximate to~~
~~the cantilevered head assembly~~ to a selected one of said upstream leading
edge or said downstream trailing edge.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20 ~~and further~~ comprising the step of:

~~writing servo information or a servo pattern to the disc or~~ using the cantilevered
assembly to transduce data with a data storage medium during the supplying
step ~~media.~~

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the supplying step
comprises ~~and further comprising~~ the step of:

supplying ~~the vacuum~~ said suction pressure from ~~the a~~ a vacuum assembly
proximate to an upstream region of the cantilevered head assembly or

the blowing pressure from ~~the a~~ blower assembly proximate to a downstream region of the cantilevered head assembly.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the supplying step is carried out by a flow control device, and wherein the method further comprises a step of ~~and further comprising the step of:~~ adjusting a pressure ~~parameters~~ parameter of the flow control device ~~blower assembly or the vacuum assembly~~ based upon feedback from a flow sensor.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the establishing step comprises rotating a storage medium adjacent the cantilevered assembly to establish said fluidic flow path. ~~21 and further comprising the step of~~
~~loading the disc or data storage media on a spindle hub prior to rotating the disc or data storage media and unloading the disc or data storage media after writing servo information to the disc.~~

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the cantilevered assembly of the establishing step comprises a servo head configured to write servo data to a disc. ~~21 and comprising an air dam and a stripper and comprising the step of:~~
~~retracting the air dam and the stripper to load and unload the disc or data storage media and closing the air dam and the stripper to write servo information or patterns to the disc or data storage media.~~

Claims 26-27 (Cancelled).